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SUBJ: RUMOR OF KOIRALA ARREST

1. WE HAVE HEARD RUMOR CURRENT IN KATHMANDU THAT B.P. KOIRALA, EXILED LEADER OF NEPALI CONGRESS PARTY, HAS EITHER BEEN ARRESTED OR INTERROGATED BY INDIAN SECURITY POLICE IN BENARES. ACCORDING TO STROY KOIRALA AND CONGRESS PARTY WERE IMPLICATED IN ARMS SMUGGLING FOLLOWING ARREST OF GEORGE FERNANDEZ IN CLACUTTA. FERNANDEZ IS ALLEGED TO HAVE TOLD INDIAN POLICE THAT HE PURCHASED ARMS FROM KOIRALA.

2. COMMENT: FOLLOWING HIJACKING OF RNAC AIRCRAFT IN 1974 ON WHICH THERE WAS SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FROM NEPAL NATIONAL BANK, IT WAS RUMORED THAT KOIRALA HAD USED FUNDS TO PURCHASE ARMS FOR NEPAL CONGRESS PARTY FROM WESTERN EUROPE, SOME OF WHICH WERE USED IN ABOTIVE RAID ON OKHALADUNGA IN DECEMBER 1974. FROM WHAT WE KNOW OF KOIRALA AND NEPALI CONGRESS MOVEMENTS IT STRIKES US AS UNLIKELY THAT HE WOULD PEDDLE ARMS, MUCH LESS TO TERRORIST AS WELL KNOWN AS FERNANDEZ. NONETHELESS, WE HAVE HEARD THAT KOIRALA'S BODYGUARDS HAVE BEEN INCREASIING DIFFICULTIES WITH INDIAN POLICE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION WHICH EMBASSY DELHI OR CONSULATE CALCUTTA CAN SHED ON THE STORY .
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